

Chambers of Senior Judge Stephen F. Williams *continued*

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1966-1969)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons & Gates (1962-1966)

Military Service: United States Army (1961-1962)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The American Law Institute; Energy Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Yonatan Braude** (202) 216-7213
Began Service: 2007

Law Clerk **Matthew Madden** (202) 216-7214
Began Service: 2007
Education: Illinois 2002 JD

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Began Service: 2007

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Chambers of Senior Judge Harry T. Edwards

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Harry T. Edwards
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Cornell 1962 BS; Michigan 1965 JD
Began Service: February 20, 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter
Political Affiliation: Independent

Affiliation: Visiting Professor of Law, School of Law, New York University

Academic: Professor of Law, Law School, University of Michigan (1970-1975); Visiting Professor of Law, Program for International Legal Cooperation, Free University of Brussels (1974); Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard Law School (1975-1976); Professor of Law, Harvard Law School (1976-1977); Faculty Member, Institute for Educational Management, Harvard University (1976-1982); Professor of Law, Law School, University of Michigan (1977-1980); Lecturer in Law, School of Law, University of Pennsylvania (1981-1982); Lecturer in Law, Harvard Law School (1982-1988); Senior Lecturer in Law, School of Law, Duke University (1983-1989); Lecturer in Law, The Law Center, Georgetown University (1985-1986); Lecturer in Law, Law School, University of Michigan (1988-1989)

Corporate: Member, Editorial and Advisory Board, West Publishing Company (1978-1980)

Government: Public Member, Administrative Conference of the United States (1976-1980); Chairman, Board of Directors, AMTRAK [National Railroad Passenger Corporation] (1978-1980)

Judicial: Neutral Arbitrator (1970-1980); Member, Judicial Conference of the United States (1994-2001)

Legal Practice: Associate, Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson (1965-1970); Chairman, Ann Arbor Model Cities Legal Services Center, Inc. (1971-1972)

Current Memberships: American Academy of Arts and Sciences; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; American Society of International Law; Association of American Law Schools; Federal Judges Association; The Supreme Court Historical Society

Staff

Secretary **Judith A. Hunt** (202) 216-7382

United States District Courts

Most federal cases are initially tried and decided in the United States District Courts, the federal courts of general trial jurisdiction. There are 94 courts in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories of Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands. With the exception of the territorial courts, all district court judges are appointed for life by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. In each district, the judge who has served on the court the longest and who is under 65 years of age is designated as the chief judge. The chief judge has administrative duties in addition to a caseload. Within each district, the United States Bankruptcy Court hears and decides petitions of individuals and businesses seeking relief from bankruptcy. Bankruptcy judges are appointed by the court of appeals for a term of 14 years. The judges of each district appoint one or more magistrate judges, who discharge many of the ancillary duties of the district judges. There are both full-time and part-time magistrate judge positions, and these positions are assigned to the district courts according to caseload criteria. A full-time magistrate judge serves a term of eight years; a part-time magistrate judge's term is four years.

United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama

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Number of Judgeships: 3

Areas Covered: Counties of Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Chambers, Chilton, Coffee, Coosa, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Pike, Randolph, Russell and Tallapoosa

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Mark E. Fuller

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: December 27, 1958
Education: Alabama 1982 BS, 1985 JD
Began Service: December 2, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Chief Assistant District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama (1996-1997); District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama (1997-2002)

Legal Practice: Associate, Cassidy, Fuller & Marsh (1985-1986); Partner, Cassidy, Fuller & Marsh (1986-1996)

Staff

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Myron H. Thompson

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Yale 1969 BA, 1972 JD
Began Service: September 29, 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Affiliation: Member, Chambers of Member Myron H. Thompson, Judicial Conference of the United States

Government: Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1972-1974)

Legal Practice: Partner, Thompson & Faulk (1979-1980)

Current Memberships: Alabama Lawyers Association; Alabama State Bar Association; American Bar Association; National Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Alex Karakatsanis** (334) 954-3654
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Term Expires: August 2009

Law Clerk **Andrew Lanocha** (334) 954-3653
Term Expires: September 2009

Secretary **Lillian C. Thomas** (334) 954-3651
Education: Fort Valley State 1963 BS

Chambers of District Judge W. Keith Watkins

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W. Keith Watkins

District Judge

Education: Auburn 1973 BS; Alabama 1976 JD
Began Service: January 12, 2006
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Partner, Strudwick & Watkins (1976-1978); Partner, Clower & Watkins (1978-1986); Partner, Calhoun, Watkins & Clower (1987-1990); Partner, Calhoun, Faulk, Watkins, Clower & Cox (1990-1994)

Staff

Law Clerk **Millie Grinstead** (334) 954-3766

Law Clerk **Laura F. Wright** (334) 954-3764
Education: Mercer 1994 JD

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Truman M. Hobbs

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1921
Education: North Carolina 1942 AB; Yale 1948 LLB
Began Service: April 14, 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Hugo Black, Supreme Court of the United States (1948-1949)

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